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SENT DEPARTMENT 1104, REPEATED INFORMATION BERLIN 57, BONN 120.

NOVEMBER 17 PRAVDA (ONLY PAPER PUBLISHED MONDAY) FEATURES COLUMN SIGNED A. GUBANOV IS DEVOTED TO BERLIN ISSUE IN FOLLOWING TERMS WHICH, THOUGH FAIRLY STRONG, DOES NOT THREATEN ANY SOVIET OR GDR ACTION AGAINST WEST BERLIN OR INDICATE NEXT COMMUNIST MOVE: US CLAIM IS FALSE THAT "POSITION OF WESTERN POWERS IN BERLIN IS DETERMINED NOT BY POTSDAM AGREEMENT, BUT BY RIGHT OF OCCUPATION FLOWING FROM UNCONDITIONAL CAPITULATION OF GERMANY." SPECIFICALLY HAD CLAUSE THAT ITS TERMS WERE "WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS WHICH MIGHT BE ADOPTED IN REGARD TO GERMANY." POTSDAM AGREEMENT WAS SUCH DECISION. LATTER HAS BEEN VIOLATED CONSISTENTLY BY US, UK, AND FRANCE. WEST BERLIN HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO STAGING AREA OF AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST GDR AND OTHER BLOC NATIONS. DULLES HAS ADMITTED BERLIN AKIN TO OFFSHORE ISLANDS IN US MILITARY STRATEGY. GENERAL TAYLOR CALLS IT "ADVANCE BASE OF NATO." IT NOW HAVE FOR EIGHTY-THREE ESPIONAGE AND DIVERSIONIST ORGANIZATIONS, PLUS SEVENTY-FOUR MILITARY-FASCIST SOCIETIES. US MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE DECLARED INTENTION TO ARM SIXTH INFANTRY REGIMENT IN BERLIN WITH ATOMIC WEAPONS. UNDERGROUND DEPOTS BEING PREPARED IN WEST BERLIN FOR ATOMIC ARMS. WESTERN POWERS CANNOT REBUT FACTS PROVING THAT POTSDAM HAS BEEN VIOLATED. IMPERIALISTS "WILL ALSO NOT SUCCEED IN FINDING GROUNDS FOR NECESSITY OF PRESERVING REMNANTS OF OCCUPATION REGIME IN CAPITAL OF GDR."

NO PAPER NOVEMBER 16 DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH BERLIN ISSUE.

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